

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 – 12 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claims 13 – 16 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1 – 12; rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejections; rejected claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for reciting both a product and a process by their dependencies from independent claim 1; and rejected claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

By this Response and Amendment, claims 13 – 16 have been cancelled. It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments introduce no new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132 to this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph and Under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for not reciting method steps necessary to render the claim complete. The Examiner rejected claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for reciting both a product and a process by their dependencies from independent claim 1.

Response

By this Response and Amendment, claims 13 – 16 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejections thereto moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.


CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,
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